

Applicants hereby assert that of the asserted generic claims, only claims 9 and 54 are indeed generic. In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants hereby identify the following claims for above-identified Group II:

Group II: ~~(18-25, 37-40, 46-47, 52, 54-58,~~ 67-70, 79-86, 91-92, 97-100, 107-109, 116-121, 124, 127-128, 131, 134-135.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the invention as described in Group II, without traverse. Claims 83, 99 and 119 have been amended to depend from claim 54, as indicated in a preliminary amendment submitted herewith.

The Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application.

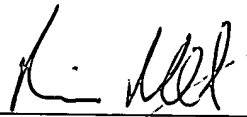
The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any further fees that are properly assessable in this case or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3701-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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